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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MILI, TW, CH
SUBJECT: REPORTED GROC ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING AT PRC AIRCRAFT IN
VICINITY OF MATSU

1. THE EMBASSY HAS JUST LEARNED THAT ADMIRAL SOONG, CHIEF OF GS, MND, HAS INFORMED COMUSTDC BY LETTER DATED MAY 9 (NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MAY 18), THAT ON APRIL 30, A FLIGHT OF FOUR PRC FIGHTER AIRCRAFT FLYING AT 20,00 FEET AND 450 NM/PER HOUR "INTRUDED INTO THE AIRSPACE OF TUNGCHU AND HSICHU OF OUR MATSU AREA". SOONG FURTHER ADVISED THAT "THSINTRUDING AIRCRAFT THEN ESCAPED UPON THE FIRING OF OUR ADA UNITS". SOONG INTERPRETS INCIDENT AS MANIFESTING PRC INTENT "TO MAKE PROVOCATIONS"; AND THAT "THIS PROVOCATIVE ACT MIGHT LEAD TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCE AND ADVERSELY AFFECT OUR MUTUAL DEFENSE POSTURE". SOONG ASKS COMUSTDC TO "TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO PREVENT ESCALATION OF THE STRAINED SITUATION IN THE TAIWAN STRAITS".

2. COMUSTDC HAS REPORTED RECEIPT OF SOONG'S LETTER TO CINCPAC AND NOTES THAT THIS IS FIRST INDICATION THAT WE HAVE HAD OF FIRING OF ADA UNITS AT PRC AIRCRAFT. COMUSTDC STATES THAT HE
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HAS NO DOUBT THAT GROC MILITARY DOING EVERYTHING IN THEIR POWER TO AVOID AN INCIDENT, BUT ARE GREATLY CONCERNED OVER RECENT PRC AIR BUILDUP OPPOSITE TAIWAN AND RECENT INCURSIONS INTO STRAIT.

3. THERE ARE MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS RELATING TO ALLEGED "INCIDENT" AND REPORTED ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRING. EMBASSY HAS INITIATED THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND WILL REPORT FINDINGS TO

DEPARTMENT SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE NO INDICATIONS THAT THERE
HAS BEEN ANY "FALL OUT" RESULTING FROM INCIDENT IF IN FACT IT
DID TAKE PLACE AS DESCRIBED; WE CAN IDENTIFY NO PRC SPECIFIC
REACTION AS A CONSEQUENCE OF IT.
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